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1. SOVIET EMBASSY (TREPYKHALIN) CALLED 10/26 WITH QTE URGENT UNQTE MESSAGE THAT, BECAUSE OF PRECEDING SOVIET HOLIDAY AND CONTRARY TO MESSAGE FROM YAKOVLEV REPORTED IN REF C, SOVIET DELEGATION TO GENEVA MEETINGS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ARRIVE IN GENEVA UNTIL THE AFTERNOON OF WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER

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9. SOVIETS PROPOSE THAT US-SOVIET BILATERAL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10 (THROUGH LUNCH) AND THAT G-5 MEET THAT AFTERNOON, ALL DAY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, AND THE MORNING OF SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

2. OBVIOUSLY, SHIFTING THE G-5 MEETING IN THE MANNER SUGGESTED INTERFERES WITH THE QTE LIKE-MINDED UNQTE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THE MORNING OF SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, OF WHICH THE SOVIETS HAVE NOT BEEN INFORMED. SOVIET EMBASSY APPROACH HERE COINCIDES WITH OUR DECISION IN FACT TO INFORM SOVIETS OF QTE LIKE-MINDED UNQTE MEETING, AND WE INTEND TO DO SO TODAY IN FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH SOVIET EMBASSY ALONG LINES OF INSTRUCTIONS IN FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH.

3. FOR MOSCOW. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO ADVISE YAKOVLEV OF MESSAGE RECEIVED HERE AND NOTE THAT THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE CHANGE CREATES THE FOLLOWING PROBLEMS. THE US HAS INVITED A SMALL GROUP OF DELEGATES REPRESENTING COUNTRIES WITH ENTITIES INVOLVED IN INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIA TO MEET ON SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 12, FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. ALL HAVE ACCEPTED. EMBASSY MAY REVEAL WHICH COUNTRIES ARE INVOLVED. IF YAKOVLEV NOTES THAT FRENCH ARE INVOLVED ONLY THROUGH A GOVERNMENT ENTITY AND ARE NOT PARTICIPANTS IN ANY CONSORTIUM AND THAT SOVIETS THEMSELVES HAVE A COMPARABLE FORM OF GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT IN SEABED MINING, EMBASSY MAY RESPOND THAT, IF SOVIETS WISH TO BE INCLUDED
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IN NOVEMBER 12 MEETING, GIVEN ITS COMPOSITION, WE WOULD OF COURSE WELCOME THEIR PRESENCE. WHETHER OR NOT THEY WISH TO ATTEND, WE ARE OBVIOUSLY UNABLE TO MOVE G-5 MEETING TO SATURDAY, YET WE BELIEVE TWO FULL DAYS WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE G-5 MEETING. THEREFORE, WE SUGGEST THAT US-SOVIET BILATERAL TAKE PLACE AS EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON OF WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, AS POSSIBLE, AND INCLUDE A WORKING DINNER THAT EVENING. WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE SOVIET EFFORTS TO ACCOMMODATE THIS COUNTER-PROPOSAL SO AS TO DISRUPT SUCCEEDING MEETINGS AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE.

4. FOR OTHER ACTION ADDRESSEES. EMBASSIES REQUESTED INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS OF SUBSTANCE OF PARA 3 ABOVE AND SOVIET RESPONSE AS REPORTED BY EMBASSY MOSCOW.

5. FOR MOSCOW, PARIS, LONDON, AND TOKYO. WITH G-5 MEETING DOWN TO TWO DAYS, PLEASE INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS THAT WE PROPOSE THAT PRINCIPALS AND EXPERTS MEET TOGETHER THROUGHOUT, UNLESS PRINCIPALS DECIDE TO REMAND CONSIDERATION OF A PARTICULAR PROBLEM TO EXPERTS WHO COULD THEN MEET SEPARATELY. IN ANY CASE, WE BELIEVE G-5 DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE CONFINED TO MATTERS LIKELY TO BE DISCUSSED AT

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THE EVENSEN MEETING, DEFERRING TO A LATER DATE BROADER DISCUSSIONS PRIOR TO OPEN-ENDED INTERSESSIONAL MEETINGS EARLY NEXT YEAR.

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